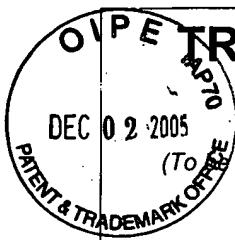


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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

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In order to avoid processing delays, the following comments are being submitted along with payment of the issue fee. Applicant respectfully requests that these comments be made of record.

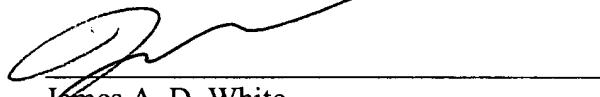
On pages 2-3 of the Notice of Allowability mailed September 23, 2005, the Examiner provided a statement of reasons for allowance of claim 1. While Applicant agrees that the pending claims are allowable over the prior art of record, Applicant believes that claim 1 is further allowable over the prior art for additional reasons, including that none of the relied-upon prior art appears to include any teaching, suggestion or motivation for any use of multiple items defined by users for use together as a group. In addition, while each of the claims depending from claim 1 are allowable for the same reasons as claim 1, Applicant believes that various of the

dependent claims are also each allowable over the relied-upon prior art for additional reasons specific to those dependent claims. Applicant further notes that while claim 1 recites using "information for each of the user-defined gift clusters that includes a single price for ordering the plurality of items of that user-defined gift cluster together as a single group," the claim does not recite that a user defines such a single price.

Applicant would also like to thank Examiner Nguyen for his consideration during the telephone interview with Applicant's representative on September 15, 2005 on this application, during which Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed the lack in the prior art (including the Robertson reference and the Veeneman references) of any notion of having multiple items defined by users for use together as a group, and during which authorization was provided for an Examiner's amendment to claim 9 and for cancellation of claims 39-74 in order to expedite prosecution. Applicant continues to believe that the pre-amendment version of claim 9 and the canceled claims 39-74 are patentable over the prior art of record.

If there are any remaining issues to be resolved, Applicant requests that the Examiner contact the undersigned at (206) 684-4915 to resolve the same.

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